





## POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE.

The disorganization of the black Democracy is freely admitted in private conversation, by all the more candid adherents of that once powerful party. Its members no longer hold any principles in common. It is divided geographically, between North and South, as well as between East and West; and the sections are again subdivided, upon almost every question that comes up. For instance, the Richmond (Va.) *Enquirer* says: "That Mr. Letcher should defend the present Administration on every point where such defense would not contravene the principles of the Democratic party, is exactly what the *Enquirer* expected, and the Virginia Democracy required." It adds, "that when the President, or anybody else, attempts to urge upon the Democratic party a resort to specific tariff duties, the construction of internal improvements by the Federal Government, and the adoption of a Federal corporation bank-act, we make bold to tell him like M. Talleyrand, 'I proceed to the Pope; we will respectfully find it necessary to 'fix' his hands!'" The *Enquirer* also gives notice as follows: "When the Opposition attempts to assail the Federal alterations of the President, we tell them flatly, that although we choose to complain, *they shall not!*" This is rather in the nature of an imperial, not "a verbal" edition!

The Washington *States*, representing another wing of the party, is equally explicit in its condemnation of the President. It says:

"But since there is no denying the fact of essential differences between the Administration and the Democracy, we are pleased to observe that the apostolical party has set the example of a separation which will relieve our party of every painful embarrassments."

"Will any Democrats, for instance, venture to pass a resolution in the name of the Federal Government? Can any Democrats approve the President's protective tariff policy? Does any Democrat of the State-rights school support the Pacific railroad, or the military protection of Mexico? We are prepared to argue the *Exodus*, with the whole world, that those or other enterprises of Federal aggrandizement which are too familiar to require recapitulation. Then, why attempt an apology for measures which will not be explained to us by *such* words? Such a party, who did not displace the Democratic party in an equal vote before the country, but would finally impair the effect of its resistance to the attacks of the Opposition."

Alex. R. Boteler will, by general consent, be the Whig candidate for Congress from Loudoun (Va.) district.

U.S. Senator—Senator Davis of Mississippi, issued a tour North last summer in search of health, as is alleged; but, according to his former friends and enemies, he was after political honors. Physically he may have been profited by his journey; but it would seem that he has thrown himself "outside of a healthy political organization" at home. A Mississippi editor says:

"We would not now touch him with a forty-foot pole. His course during that tour plainly showed that he loved popularity better than he did the property of his section—but he could not be sure of the popularity of his honest friends."

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THE BUTTERWORTH TRAGEDY.—It is stated that Mr. Butterworth has engaged the Hon. Beverly Johnson as his counsel, in case he is indicted for his connection with the Swickle tragedy. Mrs. Swickle has returned home to New York.

General Denver proposes to return to California by the next steamer; and this involves his resignation as Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

The United States Supreme Court announced, Saturday, its decision in seveteen cases, but did not deliver the opinions for want of time. The Court then adjourned till December next, having cleared less than half the calendar.

Mr. Swickle's trial will probably take place next week, the Grand Jury not being inclined to give his case precedence over others.

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James McGuire is confirmed as Superintendent of Indian Affairs in California. This is the same gentleman who was appointed Marshal of California by Senator Frémont, but who resigned, owing to the popular excitement of his having been keeper of a gambling house. Senator Walker would not let the name go before the Senate.

POSS. OFFICE DEPARTMENT.—Hon. R. H. Gillett, who has been for a long time connected with the law department of the Government, has published an argument to show that the revenues of the Post Office establishment can be applied, at least, next to pay for the Post Office appropriation bill. Mr. Gillett's argument, however, does not seem to be that the amount which would be right in pursuing a course.

In regard to the Post Office deficiency, it is now stated that, instead of its being \$3,000,000, it exceeds \$6,000,000.

The following items were telegraphed abroad from this city on Monday:

WASHINGTON, March 14.—It is credibly ascertained that both England and France are to send naval forces to the coast of Mexico to repress wrongs done to British and French subjects.

The invariable ex-Sexator—Jones with commendable patriotism and heroic resolution, will decline a foreign mission, in this age of obstructiveness, in order that he may bend all the strength of his party to the cause of the South. The Democratic party is apprehensive that anything will be done by them in conflict with the Monroe doctrine, or to shake the political institutions of the South.

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REPUBLICANS OF IOWA, BEWARE!—A Washington correspondent of the *Baltimore Sun* gives the following note of warning to the Republicans of Iowa, which it is hoped they will heed.

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HARD TO PLEASE.—A correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* states that "Negotiations are as useless on foot for a change in the direction of the Washington Union."

The Washington Union changes its direction at least three times a week, and we are at a loss to account for the formal announcement of an event of such frequent periodic occurrences.

The town elections in New York this year show a large Republican gain over 1858. The summary is:

Repub. Amer. Dem.  
1858— . . . . . 398 45 261  
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In thirteen towns, either the electors have not been held or the results have not been ascertained.

POLITICS MAKE STRANGE BEDFELLOWS.—The New York *World*, which for two years has occupied the position of confidential organ of the President, while it has uniformly denounced the party which elected him as corrupt, factious, and disorganized, is now strongly contending for and predicting the triumph of the Opposition in Virginia. What can it mean? Is President Buchanan for Goggin or Letcher?

THE POSTMASTER GENERALSHIP.—The New York *Times* says:

"Almost every prominent politician in Washington expects a nomination for the Presidency; and this was the reason why the President was compelled to go into the shades of the Patent Office to secure a safe place for the last Postmaster General." Notwithstanding this popularity, as a Presidential candidate, by under-taking the duties of an office, the discontents of which were to be largely curtailed."

The special committee of the New York Legislature on Saturday reported a personal liberty bill, nullifying the fugitive slave law, and providing that no person in the State be so considered as property or subject to sale, or be denied his or her freedom, except as a fugitive from common law and trial by jury. The penalties for infringing the law are a fine of \$1,000 to \$5,000, and twenty years imprisonment. It declares that every slave coming into the State by the consent of his owner shall be free.

The *Times* announces Mr. William O. Goods as a candidate for re-election to Congress without a competitor.

## WASHINGTON ITEMS.

The funeral of the late Postmaster General took place Thursday. The funeral services were held in the east room of the President's House. Every mark of respect was shown to the memory of the deceased. Resolutions of respect were passed by the Senate, to which body the announcement of the death of Mr. Brown was communicated by the President. All the public offices in Washington were hung with black, and closed Thursday, and the Secretaries of the Departments issued appropriate notices to those under their authority.

His remains were temporarily deposited in the Congressional Cemetery, to remain for some weeks, but we learn that it was found convenient a day or two subsequently to remove the remains to Tennessee.

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